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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, MNUC, SN, UK, US
SUBJECT: UK/GOS NEGOTIATIONS FOR USE OF NAVAL BASE FOR NPWS

REF: SINGAPORE 193

1. ACTING UK HIGH COMMISSIONER SMITH INFORMED DCM
MARCH 2 THAT HE HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM PERMSEC FOR
DEFENSE PANG TEE POW REPLYING TO BRITISH PROPOSAL RE
FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING THE BERTHING OF NPWS
AT THE NAVAL BASIN AT SEMBAWANG. PANG'S LETTER SAID
THAT GOS WAS AGREEABLE TO HAVING NPWS USE BERTH 7 (THE
BERTH CUSTOMARILY USED IN THE PAST BY NPWS) ON THE
BASIS OF THE "STANDARD STATEMENT". HOWEVER, GOS ACCEPTANCE
OF "STANDARD STATEMENT" IS SUBJECT TO PROVISIO THAT A

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NAVAL EMERGENCY MONITORING TEAM WILL BE ON STANDBY IN
THE UK TO FLY OUT TO SINGAPORE ON 48 HOURS NOTICE IN THE
EVENT THE GOS OR THE PORT SAFETY BOARD CONSIDER SUCH
ACTION NECESSARY FOLLOWING A NUCLEAR ACCIDENT.

2. SMITH SAID THAT MUCH TO HIS RELIEF THE GOS HAD
DROPPED ITS PREVIOUS INSISTENCE THAT A NAVAL EMERGENCY

MONITORING TEAM BE SENT OUT IN ADVANCE OF EACH NPW VISIT. PANG'S LETTER ALSO ACCEPTED PROPOSAL TO TRAIN SINGAPORE PERSONNEL IN THE UK ON NUCLEAR SAFETY.

3. SMITH SAID HE HAD RECOMMENDED TO LONDON THAT NOW THAT THE MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEM HAS BEEN RESOLVED HMG SHOULD PRESS AHEAD RAPIDLY TO BUTTON DOWN THE DETAILS OF THE TRAINING WITH A VIEW TO INITIATING IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FURTHERMORE, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO HAVE SOME OF THE ESSENTIAL SAFETY AND MONITORING EQUIPMENT AT SEMBAWANG, WHICH HAD NOT BEEN UTILIZED FOR SOME TIME, RECONDITIONED OR INSPECTED AND PUT IN GOOD ORDER.

4. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS ON FEBRUARY 25, VISITING EA/IMS COUNTRY DIRECTOR AND ALUSNA WERE BRIEFLY INFORMED BY PERMSEC PANG AND A SENIOR MINDEF OFFICIAL THAT THE GOS HAD SENT THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION A LETTER ON FEBRUARY 24 REPLYING FAVORABLY TO THE BRITISH PROPOSAL ON NPWS.

5. SMITH SAID HE HAD REPORTED ALL THE ABOVE TO LONDON AND WASHINGTON BY POUCH AND ASKED THAT US OFFICIALS NOT DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH UK OFFICIALS IN LONDON OR WASHINGTON FOR ANOTHER 10 DAYS TO ENSURE THAT THE LATTER WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE AND DIGEST HIS REPORT.
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